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Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" Will it be placed on the table before orders are passed thereon ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I cannot give such an assurance, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know if it is the intention of the Government to take into consideration the fact that the construction of the higher shutters in the Bezwada anicut would increase the supply of water for irrigation, and whether with reference to the altered conditions, the Government propose to increase the ayacut."

* The hon. the President :—" I am not able to follow how it is connected with this question."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" I believe, Sir, the question of ayacut has been under consideration for a long time from a date anterior to the fitting up of the higher shutters in the Kistna anicut. The putting up of these shutters has altered the situation. Since the question of ayacut has been under consideration, higher shutters have been put up in the Kistna anicut, and I want to know whether the Government in proposing the extension of the ayacut are contemplating a further addition in view of the fact that a further supply of water has become available."

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Yes, Sir. As I understand it, that is what is going to be investigated."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know the extra cost that would be involved in supplying water to these additional acres of land, whether the Government have calculated it, and whether the Government have calculated what they would get in the shape of this nazarana of Rs. 25 ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I must ask for notice of that, Sir. But I would remark that the payment of Rs. 25 is a voluntary one. If the people do not wish to pay, they need not pay it."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" Will the Government place on the table a comparative statement of the cost and the income that will be realized ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" That will have to be worked out, Sir."

Removal of certain lands in Pedalanka village from the Kistna Eastern Delta Ayacut.

11-15 a.m. *1006 *Q.*—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received complaints that the Pedalanka channel is not being repaired properly by the Public Works authorities in its last portions ;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that in the village of Pedalanka and other villages a large extent of wet lands has been removed from the ayacut of the Kistna Eastern Delta and that many ryots have become consequently very poor ; and

(*c*) whether the Government intend to assign again to the ryots all the lands thrown into assessed waste on account of the denial of irrigation facilities and include them under the ayacut and supply water to them ?

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A.—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (*d*) of question No. 655 given on 22nd October 1927 under question No. 833 from which it will be seen that certain areas were not included in the ayacut of the Pedalanka channel. The Government are not aware that as a consequence many ryots became poor.

(*c*) So far as the Government are aware the lands were not relinquished. The special division which is proposed to be sanctioned from 1st April 1929, for the investigation of the "Short crop" scheme in the Kistna delta will consider the question of the inclusion in the short crop ayacut of the lands not included under the Pedalanka channel.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether it is a fact that in the tail end of the channel, on account of want of repairs, the ryots are suffering very much?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"It is not a question of lack of water but it is one of too much of water. The drainage is defective."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"I am speaking of the want of repairs to the channel in the tail end?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"Repairing the channel won't help them if arrangements are not made for the large volume of drainage water to be discharged into the sea with sufficient quickness."

Damages to roads in Cocanada by the recent rains.

* 1007 *Q.*—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether large volumes of water from the uplands and other areas flowed through the Yeleru bridge of Cocanada during the recent rains; and

(*b*) whether on account of the inundation the adjacent roads were washed away?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Executive Engineer's report, dated 1st November 1928, which has been laid on the table [a] along with the Collector's reports on the floods in Vizagapatam and East Godavari. The Government have no further information on the matter.

Alleged modifications in the supply of water by turns to the irrigation channels from the Lower Anicut.

* 1008-A *Q.*—Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Lower Anicut was intended more for the benefit of the South Arcot district than for that of the Tanjore district;

(*b*) whether any alterations or modifications in supplying water in turns (at the Lower Anicut) to the different irrigation channels originating from the Lower Anicut have recently been effected by the Public Works Department;

(*c*) if so, when and why;

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a Laid on the table on 26th November 1928.